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7 MR. HATTER: My name is John Hatter. I am  
8 the Northern Nevada Chair for Citizen Alert. And here  
9 we are again. Citizen Alert has not prepared detailed  
10 technical comments on the documents, because we don't  
11 really know what the basis is on making those  
12 recommendations. As far as we know, there's outside  
13 information that's not available to us, including a  
14 presumably updated transportation analysis in the final  
15 environmental impact statement. Which is not available  
16 to us at this time. And therefore, it makes no sense  
17 for us to make comments on documents where there's  
18 incomplete recommendation. And as it's already been  
19 mentioned, the guidelines for whether Yucca Mountain is  
20 suitable or not are also in the proposed stage.

21 Again, why should we comment on something  
22 when it's not finalized, so we will not, I will not be  
23 doing that Citizen Alert, they haven't done that for  
24 that reason.

25 The nuclear industry and the DOE would like

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1 you to think that this is only about Nevada. It's not.  
2 The transportation analysis is a critical part of what

3 should form the basis for the recommendation. If you  
4 can't transport, if you can't show that, demonstrate  
5 the transportation is safe, and reasonable, then  
6 therefore the project is also unreasonable. So that is  
7 an important part of the basis, ought to be a part of  
8 the basis, and it's not just a Nevada issue, because of  
9 that. If not other reasons as well. Well, it's  
10 getting pretty late. There's a lot of people that  
11 haven't been here. As of about 9:30, there were 100  
12 cars that Citizen Alert and volunteers counted that  
13 left this parking lot who wanted to speak. We actually  
14 asked that question to them. This is another reason  
15 why we're very upset about this process. Why the DOE  
16 could not have done this on several nights, two-hour  
17 slots, I have no idea. I have talked to people here.  
18 And all they do is go around in circles. It's  
19 absolutely absurd.

20 (APPLAUSE)

21 This project is worth billions of dollars.  
22 Doesn't make any sense to me. And of course, as we  
23 have said before, these hearings shouldn't even be  
24 happening now anyway. The Department of Energy is not  
25 ready to make a recommendation. They have not given

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1 the public all the information. So, they shouldn't  
2 even have been done at this time anyway, and if they  
3 were done, they needed to be done on more than one  
4 night. It's absolutely ridiculous.

5 The people that did show up, and there were  
6 quite a few people that did show up, which, as we know,  
7 this venue was completely inadequate to handle. And  
8 the Department of Energy should have been well aware of  
9 that possibility. Back in 2000, when the Department of  
10 Energy held hearings on the draft environmental impact  
11 statement, there was also overflow crowds. And these  
12 are the people that are going to calculate the  
13 probabilities of doses for 10,000 years.

14 (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE)

15 Doing the math. The main reason, the main  
16 reason that people probably did show up at this  
17 meeting, at least from our information, is because of  
18 the outreach of the activist organizations and people  
19 that work in those communities. That's why the people  
20 are here. Not because of the Department of Energy's  
21 advertising for this. We are doing the Department of  
22 Energy's work. You are doing the Department of

23 Energy's work. And that should not be the case.

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24 Expect to receive a bill. Thank you.

25 (APPLAUSE)

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1 MODERATOR BROWN: Okay, Bud Tangren?

2 MR. HATTER: That's I, sir. You know, I

3 thought Chicken Little had died a long time ago. But

4 tonight I have heard one after another after another

5 after another. And I'm almost a nervous wreck. The

6 sky is falling. And we will all die before the morning

7 gets here, I'm afraid.

8 I can't quite understand in this day of

9 enlightenment, how so many people can be so deluded,

10 and I've come to the conclusion that there's even --

11 there is either a tremendous amount of ignorance out

12 there, or there is a tremendous amount of hypocrisy.

13 Now, I'll give you a little bit of my

14 background, as far as nuclear whatever goes. And it's

15 simple: I came to Nevada in 1950, from Utah. I came

16 here for one reason. To earn a living. And where

17 could I earn a living? I couldn't earn a living in

18 Utah, so I came to Nevada. Nevada was in the early

19 stages of the test site program. Now what they were

20 doing up there is their business, they're the big guys.

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21 I don't know about it. I've listened to a lot of stuff

22 here tonight. And I couldn't tell you one thing about

23 it, and I'd almost dare any one of you to explain it to

24 me, and you've all heard it also. But I went to work

25 at the Nevada test site.

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1 Those were the early days of testing. We

2 were doing above-ground testing up there at that time.

3 And believe you me, I learned in a hurry about atomic

4 power. Because it is dangerous, and it is tremendous.

5 And I saw things that got blowed apart that I didn't

6 have an idea that you could touch with, well, whatever,

7 and I have worked around a lot of dynamite in my day

8 too. But these things are dangerous.

9 But they were built for a reason. We were in

10 a war. We'd used one of them, two of them, to end a

11 war. How many lives were saved over that, I don't

12 know. But that's a decision that your government made,

13 and as we live under a government here, we have to

14 abide by the rules. And those guys up there make the

15 rules. Don't ever think you or I do. Because you

16 don't. Consequently, they decided that atomic weaponry

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17 was the best way to go. Beat the heck out of hacking  
18 people up with a knife or maybe shooting them through  
19 the foot a few times, the belly with a gun. I don't  
20 know. But it got it over with, and for that I was  
21 thankful. I didn't get a chance to go myself, but I  
22 had four brothers that went.

23       So, for that reason, and that reason alone,  
24 now, it's gone on beyond that. And I think that the  
25 spin-offs from the scientific community, as far as  
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1 nuclear, we are benefiting today.

2       Someone mentioned the fleet that is at sea  
3 today, that protects this country from rogue countries  
4 that would invade us perhaps, and cause more wars. For  
5 40 years, we ran the cold war based on atomic weaponry,  
6 and we had peace in that time. So it's not all bad, as  
7 some have led us to believe. But we will pay the  
8 price, folks. And that's what it's all about anyway,  
9 is money.

10       I came here for money, and I dare say that  
11 every one of you came here for about the same reason  
12 that are still in the working class of people. And if  
13 you didn't come here for money, then you had to come

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14 here to retire. And if you came here to retire knowing  
15 that there was all this atomic dust and waste laying  
16 within 50, 60 miles of your doorstep, you're either  
17 crazier than hell or whatever. I don't know. You like  
18 misery.

19       So I would invite all of you -- and there's  
20 a million and a quarter of you living in this valley  
21 today -- that if you don't like it, go back where you  
22 came from, for crying out loud. No, but don't want to  
23 go, do you? You like the climate, you like the money,  
24 and you like the gambling and you like all the other  
25 things. Pay for it then.

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1       It just so happens we were picked, for  
2 whatever reason, to have an explosion out there. Now  
3 we've got to pay the price. So let's straighten up,  
4 folks. It's money you're about, and if you don't think  
5 that, then you either lie or you're hypocrites. Again,  
6 because you came here for that. You're still here for  
7 that. So let's don't try and deny it. And if it's  
8 money that we need, and it's money you need, then I  
9 have suggested for many years to Harry and all the rest  
10 of those guys -- which by the way, Harry Reid has a

11 tendency to lie quite a bit to you. And you saw it  
12 bald faced on that screen tonight. As every one of you  
13 had to go through three checkpoints and be searched  
14 practically to get in here. I walked in here and never  
15 had anybody say hello or good-bye or get out or  
16 anything else. So that's a lie. And he's been --  
17 doing it a long time.

18 MODERATOR BROWN: 30 seconds.

19 MR. HATTER: All right, I want to tell these  
20 people here that they're here for one reason. They  
21 don't care about you and they don't care about me. The  
22 one reason they're in existence is to spend your tax  
23 money. That's the only reason that they're in  
24 business. And they'll do it today, and they'll do it  
25 tomorrow, and there is not one thing that you can do  
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1 about it. If you want to try and stop it, go to Harry  
2 and the rest of those folks, because they are the ones  
3 that provide the money for these people to do what they  
4 do. Now if you have a beef about this whole thing, go  
5 to Harry. Go to his buddies up there. Tell them to  
6 stop spending your money, and this thing will come to a  
7 halt. That's all I can tell you. Thank you.

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